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SUBJ: GVN/ PRESS RELATIONS

WASHINGTON PRESS CORPS IS FOCUSING ON SITUATION OF THEIR COLLEAGUES IN SAIGON IN LIGHT OF NBC, UPI AND OTHER EXPULSIONS. STORIES HAVE APPEARED IN NEW YORK TIMES AND ON NEWS AGENCY TICKERS. SUBJECT CAME UP AT FRIDAY, MARCH 9, NOON PRESS BRIEFING (SEE WIRELESS FILE FOR TEXT) WHERE SPOKESMAN REAFFIRMED OUR VIEWS ON MATTER AND INDICATED WE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SENIOR LEVELS OF GVN. QUESTIONING CENTERED ON WHAT CONCRETE RESULTS COULD BE EXPECTED FROM OUR REPRESENTATIONS AND WHETHER USG WAS CONSIDERING RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST GVN.

WE ANTICIPATE PRESS CONCERN WILL INCREASE IN COMING DAYS IF GVN CONTINUES ON PRESENT TACK. MCCLOSKEY HAS ALREADY BEEN QUERIED BY LOS ANGELES TIMES ON LESLIE CASE.

IN THIS RESPECT, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY LAM' S REMARKS TO
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WHITEHOUSE THAT GVN MAY TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE SITUATION.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS
AND RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS ON HOW THIS SITUATION CAN BEST
EVOLVE. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF STATE OF
PLAY BETWEEN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS AND EMBASSY ON THIS
SUBJECT. ROGERS

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